

RAILROAD NEWS

Two Thousand Loads Were Moved on the Middle Division of the Wabash Sunday.

IT WAS NEARLY ALL COAL.

More Wire Trouble—Wabash Toledo Terminals—Local News.

As usual the transportation department on the middle division of the Wabash made a special effort on Sunday to clear up the congested freight. A total of 1994 loads were moved, nine-tenths of it being coal. All day long there was a procession of coal cars going toward Chicago. During the preceding week the congestion had become greater because the telegram service was so crippled that moving trains was almost suspended. The side tracks all of the way from Bement to Chicago were filled and that added to the difficulty of making meeting points so that the trainmen who were in the service on Sunday tell some queer tales about the sea-sawing they did in making a round trip between Decatur and Chicago.

The total of loaded coal cars moved last week was considerably reduced because of the absence of wire service on the Chicago end of the road and the middle division handled only 1500 cars, that being between 300 and 400 cars less than the average for the week. At noon Monday there were in the Decatur yards 275 loads for the north, 75 for the east and 150 empty cars for the mines south and west of Decatur.

Wires in Trouble.

Monday the Wabash still had only two serviceable wires to Chicago. The line men reported that they had six wires re-strung but the work of stringing new ones so seriously interfered with the work that the two used by the dispatchers were the only ones that could be counted upon and they were bothered not a little. The snow storm of Saturday afternoon also materially aided in causing more trouble.

Toledo Terminals.

The Wabash railway company has decided to expend \$10,000,000 in building terminals at Toledo, connecting the An Arbor and Wheeling and Lake Erie roads into one grand system, building a four-track line through the very heart of the city. It has also been decided to build large railroad shops there, as well as a million-dollar depot in the heart of the city. For several days ten well known attorneys and real estate men here have been serving opinions on a long stretch of closely built property, two squares wide through the very center of the city, including churches, school buildings, residences, and business blocks.

On Thursday were filed the articles of incorporation of the Toledo Central station railway company, the incorporators being Smith & Beckwith, attorneys for the Wabash; Irving B. Hiett, a well known real estate dealer, and two of their employees. The articles permit the company to build a line connecting the An Arbor and Wheeling lines with the Wabash, crossing the city between Tenth and Eleventh streets to Washington, thence southwesterly to the southern terminus, near the point where the Wabash crosses the Miami and Erie canal.

The improvement includes the construction of a union passenger station at a central location yet to be determined. The character of the road, whether an open tunnel or an elevated road, will not be decided until the company has consulted the wishes of the citizens. At a joint meeting of the board of directors of the Wabash, Wheeling and An Arbor, held in New York, these plans were adopted. By wire, Smith & Beckwith were instructed to close all of their options and purchase outright the property for the necessary right of way.

Delayed Two Hours.

Sunday morning when every effort on the middle division was being strained to move all of the loads to-

ward the division terminals one of the heavy coal trains bound for Chicago was lost for more than an hour between Bement and Monticello. Two horses and two mules tried to cross a small trestle work and one of the horses got fastened so securely that he could not get out. All of them fell in between the ties at times, but managed to get themselves out with a single exception. Conductor W. Wainwright and his crew put in one hour and forty-five minutes getting the beast out and off of the bridge. The train was missing so long that the dispatchers were getting the tracks clear ready to make a run with the wrecking train when the cause of the trouble was learned.

The New Engines.

G. E. Coutant, draftsman in the machinery department of the Wabash at Springfield was in Decatur yesterday. Mr. Coutant has been notified that he has been appointed to inspect the building of the new locomotives for which the Wabash company contracted some time ago. He says that he expects to go east some time in May which will mean perhaps that the new machinery will be delivered in July or August. The passenger engines twelve in number will be constructed by the Cooke works at Paterson, N. J. The freight engines, 22 in number, and six yard engines will be constructed by the Baldwin. The passenger engines will have a grate area of 46.75 feet and the total heating surface including flues, will be 2300 square feet. The boilers will carry 210 pounds of steam. The fire boxes will be unusual in that it will be wide and shallow comparatively. The trailer wheels will be only 51 inches in diameter as compared with 63 inches on the 600 type now in use. The fire box will be so wide that it will extend out over the trailer wheels.

A False Interpretation.

The Wall Street Journal publishes a lengthy interview with Joseph Ramsey, president of the Wabash, regarding the proposed increase in rates and the labor problem. He says, among other things:

"Much has been said of the possibility of the advance in freight rates neutralizing these increases so far as the net earnings are concerned, and leaving a substantial balance of profit after that, but I doubt very much if the greatest advance in freight rates that the railroads can hope to make will more than meet the increased cost of operation due to the increased rate of labor and the demands of the mines. On the Wabash alone the increased cost of labor and material for the month of December was \$30,000. If the demands of the bituminous coal miners at Indianapolis were granted, amounting to between 25 and 30 per cent, the expenses of coal alone to the Wabash would be increased \$25,000 a month. With all this talk of increased freight rates, I doubt if the advance will aggregate 5 per cent on the total freight traffic, and there is, of course, no advance on passenger rates; none is possible.

"So far as the brotherhood element is concerned the labor situation has been seriously affected by the construction which has been placed by the labor leaders and organizers on the action of President Roosevelt in joining the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen at Chattanooga last summer, and in the misinterpretation by them of his remarks on that occasion. In a general way he said that he was one of them and said some laudatory things about labor. He has been greatly misrepresented by the labor agitators in their efforts to secure converts to their brotherhood and in stiffening up the members to make demands that are absolutely unwarranted. They assert that the president stands back of them, that he is with them and is one of them. These arguments are being freely used in attempting to force work-killed brotherhood men to a point where they would be forced to strike if in the view of these labor agitators a strike was necessary or rather desirable."

Conductor A. M. Woods of the Wabash passenger service has resumed work after being out of service two weeks on account of the death of his brother.

Conductor John Hays of Wabash

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MINERS MEET TO HEAR REPORTS

Fireman H. L. Myers has quit the service of the Wabash.

Brakeman C. A. Best has returned home from Hot Springs to which place he was called by the illness of his brother.

Wabash engine #14 has gone to the Springfield shops to be rebuilt.

Hostler Biglow of the Wabash has reported for work after an illness of several days. During his absence Fireman Campbell served as hostler.

The miners here will receive a raise of 6 cents per ton which will give them 70 cents per ton, the former scale being 64 cents per ton. Company men are to receive a 22 per cent raise which will make them about \$2.56 per day. This raise applies to track, pit, drivers and cage men. Helpers in these lines have been raised to \$2.36 per day.

\$1000 Per Month.

The raise will go into effect on April 1 and Manager Armstrong of the coal company stated last night that it would cost the company nearly \$1000 per month. The biggest raise was for the company men and the Decatur shafts employ more company men than any shaft in this vicinity. They have close to 65 company men regularly employed and they will be raised from \$2.10 per day to \$2.56 per day. There are 190 miners and they will receive 70 cents for mining a ton of coal instead of 64 cents.

In central Illinois there are a number of shafts which use machinery for digging coal. By the use of this machinery coal can be mined much cheaper than by hand. The difficulty which the convention met was to regulate a wage scale that would make the cost of manufacturing coal in these mines equal to the mines which mine by hand. If such a scale was not arranged when the demand for coal fell off the shaft which could produce the coal the cheapest would have all the trade. It was stated at the convention that the machines are used in all the consolidated mines. The closest of these are at Taylorville and Riverton.

ASPHALT PAVING.

Method to be Pursued in North Main Paving Case Not Determined.

The property owners who have decided to protest against the paving on North Main street have retained John C. Lee to make the legal fight for them. Attorney Lee said yesterday that he had not yet determined on the plan to be pursued, except that application would be made for a restraining order to prevent the collection of the assessments levied to pay for the paving. It is possible that the proceedings may be instituted in the county court. The board of local improvements certified the assessments for collection before the contract had been approved and the work accepted by the city. As there is now an injunction pending to restrain the city from accepting the work, it is possible that the petition for a second restraining order will be delayed until some action is taken on the first one which was filed by A. Wait.

THE ROSA D'ERINA RECITAL.

Program of Musical Entertainment This Evening.

The program to be rendered in the First Baptist church this evening possesses several unique features and will undoubtedly be the most notable musical function presented in Decatur this season. The following selections will be rendered:

Organ and Song Lecture Recital. Program—Part I.
1. Grand Organ Overture, (a) Zampieri, (Herold); (b) Chanson du Printemps, (Mendelssohn).
2. Tenor Solo—(a) "Abide With Me," (new, Wagon); (b) "Star of Bethlehem," (new, Vontom).
3. Organ Selection—"Fantasia Pastorale" (arranged from Lefebure Wely by G. R. Vontom); motif 1, "The Shepherd's Pipes," Motif 2, "The Shepherd's Dance," Motif 3, "The Storm, the Rainbow, the Prayer," Motif 4, "Folding the Sheep," Motif 5, "Nightfall," Motif 6, "Fairy Dance, the Nightingale, Sleep."
4. Aria for Soprano—(a) "With Verdure Clad," (Haydn); (b) "Gratias Agimus Tibi."

Program—Part II.

The Music of the Nations (Song Lecture).
1. Italian Duo—"Mira Di Acerbe," (Verdi).
2. (a) Music of Italy—"Il Ballo," (Arditi); (b) Music of Spain—"La Calavera," (Yradier); (c) Serio-Comic Ballad—"How to Ask and Have," (Lover).
3. (a) Neapolitan Sea Song—"Odi Tu," (T. Mattei); (b) Scotch Ballad—"Annie Laurie"; (c) Serio-Comic Ballad—"The Low Backed Cart," (Lover); (d) Original Humorous Sketch, "Jim Shaw."
4. Organ—(a) Queen of Sheba March (Gounod); (b) Stars and Stripes, (Souza).
Prima Donna Soprano and Organist de Concert, Mme. Rosa D'Erina.
Tenor, Humoist and Impersonator, Mr. G. R. De P. Vontom.

As A Pauper.

Monir Osborne who was arrested two weeks ago on a charge of stealing a bicycle was discharged from the county jail yesterday, a schedule having been returned "No property found." Friends of the young man had secured for him a position where he could make handsome wages and he was discharged because he will leave Decatur and go to Mississippi to work.

In Cuba.

Charles Powers and family left New Orleans yesterday for Cuba where they will spend the next ten days. During their stay at the New St. Charles Hotel in New Orleans the following persons well known in Decatur were registered there: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Steifel of Cincinnati, Mrs. Amsden of Clinton and Mrs. J. D. Moore of this city.

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The Standard of Perfect Baking.

Bought a Team.
Robert Aull, who is in charge of the horse show at the world's fair at St. Louis was in the city on Sunday the guest of W. A. Wallace, the horseman. Mr. Aull purchased a fine pair of horses for a friend in St. Louis.

Will Offered.
In the county court Monday the will of the late Mary C. Howell was offered for probate and March 12 fixed as the day for the hearing on the petition.

Pancake Supper.
The choir girls of All Angel's church will give a pancake supper at the residence of Mrs. W. P. Shale, 350 E. Wood street, Shrove Tuesday, February 24, for the benefit of the choir. Everybody invited. Supper from 6 to 8 o'clock.

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Mrs. J. P. Mercer and daughter left yesterday for LaCrosse, Wis., in answer to a message saying that her husband, Engineer J. P. Mercer, had been injured there. The extent or nature of his injuries were not known here.

Cashier J. F. Shannon of the C. & H. W. freight office, was checked out yesterday and R. J. Thiel was checked in. Today Mr. Shannon will go to East Springfield to take the position as local agent for the company.

Yardmaster L. F. Kyle of the Illinois Central came home yesterday after a visit in Bloomington.

Two freight cars were overturned at the junction of the C. & H. line with the main line Illinois Central track in Decatur on Sunday and the wreck crew from Clinton was called to pick up the cars.

The Justice Courts.

The case against James H. Jackson, charged with horse stealing was dismissed by Justice O'Mara Monday. No one appeared to prosecute and the state's attorney dismissed the case. The horse was returned to its owner Sunday.

Decatur is getting to be a very orderly place on Sundays. One lone plain drunk who paid his little \$4.50 into Justice Provost's court was the only transgressor last Sabbath.

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